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3901 WEST STATE HIGHWAY O SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803

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GEORGE CARDEN CIRCUS INT'L

Inspection

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: FEB-25-2004

2.40 (b)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

- (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
- (1) The availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter;
- (2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

--When performing an inspection, the USDA inspector reviews the written program of veterinary care (which is required under section 2.40 (a)(1)} and determines whether the licensee is following this written program. The facility could not demonstrate compliance with the written program of veterinary care either while on site or during the 24 hour period following the beginning of the inspection. The written program of veterinary care dated 1/2/04 states "Biannual" for both "elephants" and "Camelus dromaderius" under the "B. Parasite Control Program - Describe the Frequency of Sampling or Treatment for the Following....2. Blood Parasites" section. The facility furnished information that states "we have not done any testing or treatment for the period Dec. 13, 2002 thru July 10, 2003 or, Jan.2, 2004 to current on the camels or elephants as they are tested when they exhibit symptoms. They have not had any symptoms." The communication further stated that the attending veterinarian "said that blood parasites are found in African elephants and our elephants are Asian." It appears that there has been confusion or a lack of clarity in the written program of veterinary care, as it is currently written, in light of the type of animals to which it applies. If the facility has only Asian elephants and the attending veterinarian does not believe that the elephants need to have treatment or sampling for blood parasites, then this should not be included in the written program of veterinary care under "elephants". Or, if the attending veterinarian feels that the animals should have sampling or treatment for blood parasites only if they are showing symptoms, then the written program of veterinary care should depict this. The licensee either needs to comply with the written program of veterinary care, or a new written program of veterinary care may be developed (and signed by both the licensee and the attending veterinarian) to more clearly describe what is needed to provide appropriate care for the particular animals which are covered by the written program. Ensure that an adequate program of veterinary care is established and maintained and includes compliance with the written program of veterinary care. The licensee should be prepared to demonstrate compliance with the written program of veterinary care when inspections are performed. This would include inspections performed at sites away from the home site.

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2.75 (b)(1)

RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

(b)(1) Every dealer other than operators of auction sales and brokers to whom animals are consigned, and exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

- (i) The name and address of the person from whom the animals were purchased or otherwise acquired;
- (ii) The USDA license or registration number of the person if he or she is licensed or registered under the Act;
- (iii) The vehicle license number and state, and the driver's license number and state of the person, if he or she is not licensed or registered under the Act;
 - (iv) The name and address of the person to whom an animal was sold or given;
 - (v) The date of purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposal of the animal(s);
 - (vi) The species of the animal(s); and
 - (vii) The number of animals in the shipment.
- (2) Record of Animals on Hand (other than dogs and cats) (APHIS Form 7019/VS Form 18-19) and Record of Acquisition, Disposition, or Transport of Animals (other than dogs and cats) (APHIS Form 7020/VS Form 18-20) are forms which may be used by dealers and exhibitors to keep and maintain the information required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section concerning animals other than dogs and cats except as provided in Sec. 2.79.
- --None of the acquisitions records for the 2 elephants and 2 camels are available on site during the inspection. In the subsequent 24 hour period, the inspector was able to obtain required information for the 2 elephants and partial information for the 2 camels. The facility has not furnished the USDA license or registration number for the person from whom the camels were acquired, if that person has a USDA number; nor the person's drivers license and state and vehicle license and state if that person is not licensed or registered. Ensure that the exhibitor keeps and maintains records that fully and correctly disclose all of the required information. These should be available to the USDA inspector during the inspection, including inspections of animals that are traveling away from the home site.

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NOTES:

1. Copies of Animal Care Policies #3, Veterinary Care, and #6, Space and Exercise Requirements for Traveling Exhibitors, have been provided on site to provide guidance and clarification to the exhibitor.

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2. The use of APHIS Forms 7019 and 7020 has been discussed. They are available free from the Regional Office and may be used to assist the licensee in meeting the record keeping requirements.

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